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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT - PLURILATERAL

- MEETINGS WEEK OF MAY 15

1. SUMMARY: PLURILATERAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (GP)
MEETINGS RESULTED IN FURTHER PROGRESS ON TENDERING
PROCEDURES SECTION OF MTN/NTM/W/133, AND WITNESSED
MAJOR SHIFT IN JAPANESE POSITION. FIVE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES (US, EC, JAPAN, NORDICS, SWISS) EXCHANGED
INDICATIVE LISTS OF PRELIMINARY OFFERS OF ENTITY
COVERAGE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT
WILL CIRCULATE NEW W/133 THAT WILL INCLUDE REVISED
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SECTIONS ON TENDERING PROCEDURES, INFORMATION, AND
FINAL PROVISIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. TENDERING PROCEDURES: JAPANESE DEL PUT FORWARD
A "NEW" POSITION ON TENDERING PROCEDURES THAT REPRE-
SENTED A MAJOR POLICY SHIFT ON PART OF GOJ. CONSID-
ERABLE EFFORT WAS THEN DEVOTED TO INCORPORATING THIS

POSITION INTO TENDERING PROCEDURES SECTION OF DRAFT GP CODE. FOR MOST PART, JAPANESE ACCEPTED TEXT AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED ON BY OTHER FIVE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, BUT GOJ STILL HAS SOME DISTANCE TO GO IN NARROWING DEROGATIONS FOR USE OF SINGLE TENDERING.

3. DISCUSSION OF TENDERING TEXT ALSO FLUSHED OUT NEW PROBLEM WITH EC IN EX-ANTE INFORMATION. AS A RESULT OF MEMBER STATE CONSULTATIONS, EC DEL (DERISBOURG) SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION IN SELECTIVE TENDERING. SPECIFICALLY, WHILE IT WOULD ALLOW A SUPPLIER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PARTICULAR PURCHASE, THE ENTITY WOULD MAINTAIN ITS OPTION TO SELECT THOSE SUPPLIERS IT WOULD ALLOW TO BID. U.S. DEL (NEWKIRK) REACTED STRONGLY TO NEW EC POSITION AND WAS TOLD PRIVATELY THAT THIS WAS "TEMPORARY" MOVE THAT WOULD BE RIGHTEOUS BY CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. INFORMATION: DISCUSSION ON THE INFORMATION SECTION AIMED AT NARROWING DIFFERENCES ON THE TEXT. UNFORTUNATELY EC WAS NOT READY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN ITS POSITION MAINTAINING THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR COMPROMISE. JAPANESE DEL (ABE) RAISED TECHNICAL OBJECTION TO PARA 6 REQUIREMENT TO GIVE INFORMATION TO OTHER SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS. GOJ OBJECTION FOCUSED ON A COM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTITION OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SECTION AND WHETHER A GOVERNMENT MUST UNDERTAKE INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS AN OBLIGATION OR SHOULD MERELY GIVE SUCH REQUEST "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION". AFTER STRONG DEMARCHE BY U.S. DEL, JAPANESE DEL BACKED OFF FROM PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES, BUT DID BRACKET PARAGRAPH.

5. FINAL PROVISIONS: AT EC REQUEST, A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON ELEMENTS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN FINAL PROVISIONS SECTION OF GP DRAFT. ELEMENTS INCLUDE: MEMBERSHIP AND ACCESSION; RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; ENTRY INTO FORCE; RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT; AMENDMENT AND REVIEW; AND WITHDRAWAL. THESE ELEMENTS WILL BE LISTED IN A REVISED W/133 AS "POINTS FOR DISCUSSION".

6. TENDERING PROCEDURES, INFORMATION, AND FINAL PROVISIONS SECTIONS HAVE BEEN RETYPED BY GATT SECRETARIAT TO REFLECT LAST WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS (HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY BRYAN MILLER/COMMERCE). THESE SECTIONS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO AN EXPANDED GROUP OF DEVELOPED

AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION AT
MAY 31 7 PLUS 7 MEETING. SUBSEQUENT TO THE 7 PLUS 7,
THE SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED VERSION OF
W/133 WITH THESE SECTIONS INCLUDED.

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